# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7443
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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether he is aware that Ministry of Finance have taken steps to minimise wasteful expenditures in Government Departments and have already identified that there are certain sectors in which wasteful expenditure is maximum in various Government Departments;

(b) if so, details of such sectors of his Ministry/Departments under him, which have been identified by that Ministry for the purpose and quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years as on December 31, 2001; and

(c) corrective steps taken so far by his Ministry to curtail/stop such wasteful expenditure, if any?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, had set up an Expenditure Reforms Commission [ERC] in February, 2000 to identify areas of possible savings in Government expenditure.

(b) & (c) The ERC has made recommendations regarding rationalization of functions, activities as also for streamlining of this Ministry and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).These relate to further empowerment of the NHAI and the State Governments, Rationalisation of policy making and monitoring functions by this Ministry in the fields of Road and Road Transport sectors. No quantification of reduction in expenditure has been indicated. These recommendations have been examined carefully and the views of the Ministry communicated to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, in December 2001.